

## Volunteer Role Description

### **Role: Green League 2010 research volunteer**

**Our mission:** That a generation of student activists will be a force for change in achieving global social and environmental justice. We will achieve our purpose by:

- supporting and inspiring students to develop the knowledge, skills, confidence and conviction that they can make a difference;
- bringing about long-lasting change, in policies and practices, by campaigning and collective action.

**Role Purpose:** To undertake research into the environmental performance of the UK's universities. This research will be the basis for the Green League 2010, an annual league table ranking the environmental performance of UK universities. This is a key part of the [Going Greener](#) campaign which aims to transform the environmental performance of the education sector.

**Responsible to:** Go Green Campaign Intern and Green League Project Manager

## Background

We work with students at universities and schools & colleges across the UK and currently support campaigning on corporate power and climate change. The People & Planet Support Office has 19 staff split into two teams: Campaigns and Outreach, and Support and Services. The People & Planet office is staffed by highly committed and professional people, and run in a very consultative and supportive style.

The Go Green campaign has been running since 2003. Students lobbied their universities to adopt four key demands to improve environmental management (more info at [peopleandplanet.org/gogreen](http://peopleandplanet.org/gogreen)) and also launch practical and awareness-raising projects to help their university communities transition towards a low-carbon future (<http://peopleandplanet.org/goinggreener>). As part of our national aim to applaud progress and expose inaction, we published the first ever environmental league table of universities in June 2007, comparing their environmental performance against a set of key indicators. The Green League 2007 was extremely successful, attracting significant media coverage, lots of interest within the sector, and winning 'Best Campaign 2007' in the British Environment and Media Awards 2007.

Updated editions of the Green League were published in July 2008 and June 2009, showing remarkable improvements across the sector. We will be publishing the fourth Green League in June 2010 in the Times Higher Education magazine. We are looking to recruit up to five research volunteers to enable us to compile the information needed to produce this league table.

## Responsibilities

- Work with the Go Green intern and Green League project manager to compile and analyse information needed to produce a league table of universities' environmental performance.
- Analysis of questionnaires returned by universities on their environmental management, and assessment of evidence provided against set criteria.

## Person Specification

*The following are essential:*

- Familiarity with use of computer software (especially spreadsheets and word processing).
- Familiarity with internet research.
- Ability to work accurately and efficiently to agreed standards.
- Reliability and commitment to completing work to deadlines.

*The following are desirable:*

- Awareness of key environmental management issues.
- Experience of research and data analysis techniques

## What will you get out of the role?

- Full training and support for your role – taking place on 29, 30 or 31 March 2010
- Experience of volunteering with the leading student campaigning network in the UK focusing on poverty, human rights and the environment.
- The satisfaction of being part of a high profile and respected project which has already lead to significant improvements in environmental management in the HE sector.
- Employers really value the skills you get from this job, and the People & Planet support office will supply you with a reference.

## Terms & Conditions

Duration of volunteer role	March – June 2010 (duration to be agreed with volunteer but the key period of activity will be April)
Expenses	Reasonable out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed (to be agreed in advance).
Hours	Minimum commitment required 1 – 3 days a week (as agreed with volunteer) over 6 weeks
Induction & training	We will provide an induction including health & safety, the work of People & Planet and practical training on data entry and our database. We will provide ongoing support and advice.
Accountable to and supported by	Go Green Campaign Intern
Based	Either in Oxford (in P&P's national office) or home-based. If home-based you will need access to an internet connection and if possible, a phone line.

## How to Apply

Please email Louise Hazan ([louise.hazan@peopleandplanet.org](mailto:louise.hazan@peopleandplanet.org)) with details of why you are interested in the role, what you would bring to it, and your availability from mid-March to mid-June 2010. Please also let us know whether you would be available to attend a training and induction day in Oxford on Monday 29 March, Tues 30 March or Weds 31 March 2010.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 19 March 2010**.

Once we have your application, we will contact you by email or phone to discuss the role in more detail.